

which he or any examiner may administer, relative to the affairs and condition of any insurance company.

3. To visit, at its principal office, wherever situated, any insurance company doing business in this State, for the purpose of investigating its affairs and condition, and shall revoke the certificate of authority of any such company in this State refusing to permit such examination.

4. He may revoke or modify any certificate of authority issued by him when any conditions prescribed by law for granting it no longer exist.

5. He also has power to institute suits and prosecutions, either by the attorney general or such other attorney as the attorney general may designate, for any violation of the law of this State relating to insurance, and he shall be made a party to any proceeding for the closing up of the affairs of any company when the same shall not be in the name of the State.

SEC. 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. The near approach of the close of the session, and the importance of the law empowering the commissioner of insurance to examine into the affairs and conditions of any company that is authorized to do business in this State, create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and it is so enacted.

Approved, June 18, 1897.

Takes effect ninety days after adjournment.

S. B. No. 21.]

CHAPTER 9.

An Act to fix the venue and regulate the proceedings in prosecutions for rape.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:* Prosecutions for rape may be commenced and carried on in the county in which the offense is committed, or in any county of the judicial district in which the offense is committed, or in any county of the judicial district the judge of which resides nearest the county seat of the county in which the offense is committed. When the judicial district comprises only one county, prosecutions may be commenced and carried on in that county if the offense be committed there, or in any adjoining county. When it shall come to the knowledge of any district judge whose court has jurisdiction under this act that the offense of rape has probably been committed, it shall be his duty, immediately, if his court be in session, and if not in session, then at the first term thereafter in any county of the district, to call the attention of the grand jury thereto; and, if his court be in session but the grand jury shall have been discharged, he shall immediately recall said grand jury for the consideration of the accusation. Prosecutions for rape shall take precedence of all cases in all courts, and the district courts are hereby authorized and directed to change the venue in such cases whenever it shall be necessary to secure a speedy trial.

SEC. 2. The fact that there is no adequate law in this State for the suppression of rape creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Approved, June 18, 1897.

[NOTE.—The foregoing act passed the Senate by a vote of yeas 15, nays 6; and passed the House, vote not given.]

S. S. B. No. 2.]

CHAPTER 10.

An Act making appropriations for the support of the State Government, for the years beginning March 1st, 1897, and ending February 28th, 1899, and for other purposes.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:* That the following sums of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the support of the State Government, for the years beginning March 1st, 1897, and ending February 28th, 1899, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE.

	Year Ending—	
	Feb. 28, '98.	Feb. 28, '99.
Salary of Governor	\$4,000	\$4,000
Salary of private secretary	1,700	1,700
Salary of stenographic clerk	1,100	1,100
Salary of porter	360	360
Salary of State Revenue Agent	1,800	1,800
Traveling and other necessary expenses of State Revenue Agent	300	300
Payment of rewards and other expenses necessary in the enforcement of the law	7,250	7,250
Books and stationery	300	300
Freight, postage, and telegraphing	500	500
Ice	36	36
Office furniture	100	100
Contingent expenses, including new typewriter....	200	100
Salaries of Board of Pardons	2,400	2,400

MANSION AND GROUNDS.

For Governor's Mansion, and furniture, including repairs to mansion and improvements to grounds surrounding mansion, and contingent expenses: to be expended in two years	\$2,500	
Laborer, and keeping up grounds surrounding mansion	700	\$700
Water and ice	200	200
Fuel and lights	450	450
Contingent expenses	200	200